

## **Function 650: Social Security**

Function 650 includes mandatory spending to pay Social Security retirement and disability benefits to 45 million people and appropriated funding to administer these programs.

- The conference agreement on the Republican budget resolution provides for the recently enacted repeal of the earnings test for Social Security recipients between ages 65 and 69. This raises Social Security outlays by \$4.3 billion in 2001 and by \$15.5 billion over five years. The House resolution did not make any provision for repeal of the earnings limit, but the Democratic alternative budget did.

See *Social Security and Medicare Solvency* for further discussion.